

Editorial

Through its 18 years of publication, the *Hawaiian Journal of History* has consistently demonstrated excellence. Philip (Fritz) Rehbock, the most recent capable editor, has now concluded a successful four-year tenure and returns to his first interest, the history of science. Fritz will remain a valuable member of the editorial board, however—a board whose dedicated members represent a wide range of historical knowledge and expertise and who make the labor of editing manageable.

With this, the 19th volume, a new editor has every hope of carrying on the *Journal's* tradition of publishing original scholarship and top quality material about Hawai'i, Polynesia, and the Pacific area. The present issue offers to our readers significant contributions. We draw your attention to several themes. The introductory article is a critique of the 1985 Japanese centennial celebration and thus is an historical perspective of a contemporary event. This is followed by original studies of early sugar production and of plant life introduced into Hawai'i. The missionary era next receives attention. Such widely divergent subjects as the appearance of eye glasses and of Halley's Comet in the Islands, as well as a new look at the role of Commodore Thomas ap Catesby Jones and that of Koreans in Hawai'i during World War II, are all representative of the kinds of contributions the *Journal* is pleased to publish. Closing this issue is our popular yearly annotated bibliography of Hawaiiana.

In the future the *Journal* hopes to introduce a section of book reviews to augment the bibliography. We intend always to encourage both new and returning authors and to welcome articles on all periods of Hawaiian, Polynesian, and Pacific history. We will continue, too, to call upon the services of anonymous referees who are essential in producing an excellent publication.

Prospective authors should note our new deadline date. Manuscripts should reach us by 31 January in order to be considered for the issue which will appear in the fall of that year. Interested researchers and writers may request a copy of the revised "Suggestions for Contributors" from the Editor.